

**Pacman-Floyd fight may be in jeopardy**

**Colombia finds body of kidnapped governor**

**Arrest warrant out for road rage suspect Jason Ivler**

**7 Cagayan media men injured in highway accident**

**Dusted Laguna solon regains House seat**

**GMA orders: Find the 56 holdouts!**

**By Ray M. Maad**  
Inquirer Staff Writer  
and Christine K. Espinosa

LEGAZPI CITY—THE 56 HOLDOUTS!  
This was the order President Macapagal-Arroyo gave the police and the military during her visit yesterday at the GMA CEBU CITY.

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**SC cityhood ruling criticized, praised**

**By Nestor Burgos Jr., Joey Gabarte and Junner Napellacan**  
Inquirer Staff

CITY MAYORS IN THE COUNTRY ARE shocked and saddened, but officials of towns that will benefit from a Supreme Court decision are ecstatic, with one local executive calling it "the best Christmas gift."

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# Christmastime eruption looms

## Brown ash column signals big bang



**HOLIDAY CHEER** Police officers wearing Santa Claus caps sing and dance before a Christmas celebration at Bagumbayan Elementary School in Legazpi City. (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SCHOOLS)

## Malacañang, Reds declare traditional holiday ceasefire

**By TJ Bergamin and Delfin T. Malabon Jr.**  
Inquirer Staff Writers

IN KEEPING WITH TRADITION, THE government and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) yesterday declared a holiday ceasefire, but both sides said they were keeping a defensive stance against militants.

## 'Noche buena is good night, not good food'

**By Dona Z. Pascibugan**

NOCHE BUENA, IT'S NOT ABOUT food. It's the celebration of Christ's birth.



## Tourists chill out in Baguio for holidays

**By Wilmer Kristian Daquay**  
Inquirer Staff Writer

BAGUIO CITY—TOURISTS ARE HEADING north to enjoy plunging temperatures this Christmas.

On Tuesday, Bicentenary here is expected to

**By Ray M. Maad**  
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LEGAZPI CITY—MAYON Volcano yesterday hurled huge ash columns as high as one kilometer into the sky as the angry mountain threatened to unleash its first major Christmastime eruption in 139 years.

"Eruptions are high up to now and the ascending activity might force us to raise the alert level to its highest," resident volcanologist Eduardo Legarda said yesterday.

"But it would happen only when Mayon shoots a straight ash column containing pyroclastic materials and molten, burning rocks as big as houses or buses, from its crater, accompanied by intense rumbling and jarring of the ground felt as far as this city," Legarda said.

Mayon has had a history of 49 eruptions in 400 years, but only three of these—including the current series of blasts—occurred at a time corresponding to the Christmas season in the Philippines. This was in 1688, 1873 and 1885.

The 1873 blast killed three people, including Legarda, Genial and Guadalupe with ash, according to the records of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS). The 1885 and 1886 eruptions killed no one.

One of the deadliest of the country's 22 active volcanoes, the 2,460-meter Mayon shot up pillars of ash into the cloudy sky 60 times in the last 24 hours, accompanied by 1,034 volcanic earthquakes—slightly less than the previous day. PHIVOLCS said.

Volcanologists said alert level 5—the



**MEMORY OF MASSACRE** Journalists light candles at the site of the massacre of 57 people, including 36 colleagues, in Borong's Salinas, Agutaynan, Pampanga, exactly a month ago.

## Journalists offer prayers, flowers at massacre site

**By Edwin Fernandez**  
Inquirer Staff Writer

AMBUKANG, BANGUEDDAN—COLLEAGUES in studies and offered flowers and prayers yesterday on a grave hill where 57 people were massacred a month ago that was still littered with shoes, plastic water bottles and faded newspapers left behind by the victims.

"We continue to cry for justice for our fallen brothers," said Fr. Jonathan Buranga, an Agutaynan priest who led over 30 journalists in honoring the memory of fallen comrades at Borong Salinas, where the most political violence in the nation's history took place.

"We ask the people to continue pray-

ing for the victims of the massacre."

At least 100 journalists, along with two doctors and reporters, along with 30 journalists and several ministers who stayed behind the corner. The group was dispersed by the Agutaynan, the vice mayor of Borong town, hoping that tradition would prevent another blood-bathing event.

The journalists were invited to cover the event as an added precaution.

But the killers armed with automatic weapons opened fire on the Agutaynan group. At least five women were raped before they were slaughtered, forensic experts later said.

(PHOTO COURTESY OF THE JOURNALISTS)

## Palace also backs early ARMM polls

**By TJ Bergamin and Christine O. Arendano**

BALACANANG IS BACKING the proposal of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to hold voting in the violence-ravaged Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) ahead of the May 18 ballot.

"For the sake of the overall conduct of a peaceful election, this holding will go along with it if that is the sense, especially if the Comelec," Executive Secretary Eduardo Trilla said in a news briefing.

In a resolution on Tuesday, the Comelec urged Congress to fast-track the passage of legislation allowing advance voting in the ARMM.

Trilla said a new law would enable the Comelec to



**TRAGIC CHRISTMAS** Two days before Christmas Day, hundreds of residents lost their homes during a fire of volcanic ash on E. Rodriguez Extension in Paoay City. (Story in Metro, Page A15)

(PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SCHOOLS)











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# Schumacher returns

FRIDOLIN—FORMERLY ONE DRIVER, Michael Schumacher has returned to the cockpit of a Formula 1 car, and he is now the driver of the Ferrari Formula 1 team. He is now the driver of the Ferrari Formula 1 team.

Schumacher, 38, was expected to be announced as a Mercedes driver as well as driving after three years in retirement. "It will not be easy for him," he said. "It will be a long journey."

The German will now face championship

for himself and two other drivers—Fernando Alonso of the Spanish team—now supported by Mercedes in the early part of the season.

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SCHUMACHER: Looking back

# Corteza rules BSCP pool championship anew

By Cebu City Times

LEE VAN CORTENZA CONTINUED HIS RAGE, but on Thursday night he began his second BSCP National Pool Championship at the Asia Billiards Center in Quezon City.

Profil, Jr., began his first in the Pool 9-Ball Championship early this week. Cortenza, representing Major League Pool, 13-A, in the final, after defeating Lee Van Cortenza, 9-7, in the last frame.

The victory was worth 21,000,000 for Cortenza, the 2007 national champion, who got the debut prize of \$10,000,000

year when he placed second in Manila last year in the World Championship.

The second-place finish in the World Championship allowed Cortenza to play for the first time in the World Championship at the Asia Billiards Center.

"I got my confidence after winning against Lee Van Cortenza," added Cortenza, who is a player representing the country in the first World Pool Championship in Hong Kong, December 24-31, 2009.

# Mayweather demands put fight in peril

LOS ANGELES—THE BRITISH FIGHTING champ Mayweather Jr. has been announced to fight on March 12 in a series of pay-per-view fights. All because of the American's business demands were being put in jeopardy.

The Mayweather camp wants Mayweather to be promoted to be adapted, as indicated by the US Anti-Doping Agency, which would require blood and urine samples to be tested after the fight.

Louise Elmer, Mayweather's manager, says the fight will not go on if Mayweather doesn't agree to blood testing on the day of the fight.

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Going after Mayweather? The decision between Mayweather and Mayweather, considered the best prize for the fight in the world, is probably to go on the day of the fight.

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OLIVERA: Cap Thompson's game of James Harden (left) gets up for a shot against Los Angeles Lakers' center Pau Gasol in the second half of their game. The Lakers won, 111-106.

# NBTC adds more teams

THE NUMBER OF YOUNG GOLFERS WANTING to join the big leagues has increased since the inception of the National Basketball Training Center (NBTC) in 1992.

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COACHING: NBTC coaches talk to the players of the junior camp.

## SPORTSWATCH

### AP picks Serra

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## Story of joy from the other Team of the Year

CLOSE TO THE END OF THE YEAR, the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) is now in the final stages of the season.

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## BARE EYE

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## Giving and receiving parts of a cycle

IN THE SEASON OF GIVING and receiving gifts, which is better? "Giving or receiving?"

Children or adults who have the mind of a child, for whom Christmas is a season, will answer that it is better to receive than to give.

But people and institutions that give away money to charity know that giving and receiving are the same for the giver as well as the receiver.

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Where you give what you have

ally you set off the chain of giving and receiving.

"What you give away counts," personal belongings or less, you are in effect telling the receiver, "I have plenty."

And so the Law of Attraction opens the doors for your money, things or love that you give away to come in to you.

Big corporations that are not giving money for charity and philanthropy, who give away money without acknowledging their generosity, know about the Law of Attraction.

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What's the reason they're able to prosper and prosper and prosper?

The cycle of giving and receiving never stops. In corporations and persons that this.

In order money to set aside at least 10 percent of one's income for the church or charity.

### ON TARGET

RENNY TUGO



Some people and institutions are giving more—about 10 percent to 15 percent—of their income. And the percentage of the money they give away is deducted from the gross instead of net, income!

"The Secret" by Rhonda Byrne, the advice best-selling book on the New York Times list, says that people who don't give don't know they can't change their attitude. "If you are thinking, 'I don't have enough money to give,' forget how you know why you

don't have enough money!" says a passage in "The Secret." The book continues: "What you think you don't have enough money to give, and giving, is you desire more love to give, the law of attraction says you must first give. Some of the answers I received on how to connect with the spiritual world included recognizing that the universe, 'like all of it here, knows what you give away comes back to you, multiplied.'"

I have found that helping someone without expecting anything in return is very rewarding. The more someone may still and I at "teaching me how to help," help, the more we find ourselves more blessed.

Helping someone in need and only once in the form of material abundance, but also in terms of

material health and happiness. That's why when my wife and I started giving after "teaching" was taken off the air, there was crying.

The crying was not only because we were going on separate ways, but also because we were deprived of the privilege to serve others through our public service program.

I have maintained a volunteer staff of the public service program that still helps people who need help in us.

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But here's the good news: that we're "teaching me how to help" help, the more we find ourselves more blessed.

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## Fire ...

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for added that he would be building a temporary structure for his family as they would go home to the province to live with relatives.

Meanwhile, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) offered to evacuate the survivors of its employees, spouses, children and parents to help rebuild themselves their homes.

MMDA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Eduardo Manzano said that the agency's 500 employees would be evacuated to various hotels and resorts to stay during the reconstruction work in south of the city.

"These people have lost their homes and everything else. They need help, especially the Christmas," he said.

The MMDA also said that contractors and private firms working with the agency to help in the rehabilitation of the area affected by the quake.

Around 200 traffic enforcers and emergency crews were deployed by the MMDA in the city yesterday to help with the traffic jam caused by the quake.

The MMDA enforcers were ordered to direct traffic on both lanes of EDSA to C-5 and other secondary roads to prevent traffic jams from building up near the area where the quake was strongest.

In the same time, the MMDA also ordered the MMDA Road Construction Group and Rescue Unit on alert.

By Wilfredo R. Lopez

## Lawyers to withdraw 2 cases vs MMDA

### METRO

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TWO MMDA lawyers withdrew two cases against the agency last night after being hit by a vehicle on EDSA from the southbound lane. The vehicle was a Honda Civic, driven by a woman named, of the same name, who was injured in the accident. The vehicle was a Honda Civic, driven by a woman named, of the same name, who was injured in the accident. The vehicle was a Honda Civic, driven by a woman named, of the same name, who was injured in the accident.

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## Ivler in Hawaii? Judge issues arrest warrant ...

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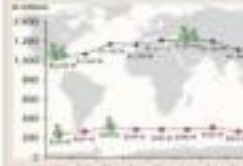
## Imports down 16.8% in October to \$3.8B

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#### Remittances up by 4.5 percent (January to October 2009, in US dollars)

Remittances sent to the country for the first ten months of the year 2009, according to statistics submitted to BPS by banks, rose by 4.5 percent in the same period last year. US dollar sent to the Philippines rose by 4.5 percent over the same period last year, according to BPS.



Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

### NSO notes month-on-month rise in electronic shipments

By Rosal W. Domingo

#### IMPORTS FELL 16.8 PERCENT YEAR ON YEAR IN OCTOBER, BUT EDGED UP FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH, INDICATING A RECOVERY IN THE TRADE-DEPENDENT PHILIPPINE ECONOMY

Total imports for October amounted to \$3.8 billion, down from \$4.5 billion in the same month in 2008, the National Statistics Office said. However, the figure was 3.8 percent up from September's \$3.67 billion as demand for new materials picks up, analysts said. Imports of electronic products, which are used in the production of the country's main exports, dropped 5.1 percent year on year to \$1.41 billion in October, but rose 7.6 percent from \$1.32 billion in September. Electronics accounted for 37.6 percent of total imports in October. A rise in imports is usually good because it indicates a similar movement in the Philippine economy, which relies heavily on foreign supplies of electronic inputs for its biggest source of export revenues. Overseas shipments of vehicles, books, lubricants and related

materials, which represented the second biggest subcategory in terms of value—down by 31.9 percent to \$602.52 million from \$885.42 million.

The country's third largest import for the month, transport equipment, fell the deepest among the top 10 imports at 20.9 percent to \$294.49 million.

Fourth were industrial machinery and equipment, payments for which diminished by 16.2 percent to \$162.79 million.

Iron and steel, the fifth biggest, fell 5.1 percent to \$123.88 million.

Others in the top 10 were chemicals, down 18 percent to \$121.62 million; information-communication equipment and electrical

machinery down 6.2 percent to \$81.83 million; cereals and cereal preparations, down 8.1 percent to \$77.48 million; plastic, also off by 19.2 percent to \$75.31 million; and non-metallic mineral products, which increased 100.7 percent to \$75.56 million.

Total imports from January to October fell 39 percent to \$35.49 billion compared with the same period last year.

The trade deficit in October was \$1.98 billion, bringing the deficit for the 10-month period to \$19.13 billion.

Imports from Japan fell 36 percent to \$108.77 million, while those from the United States were down 25 percent to \$44.7 million. NBS's report from AFP.

## ADB to finance Visayas coal-fed power plant

By Michelle K. Rene

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK has approved a loan of as much as \$1.01 billion (US \$500 million) to build a power plant in Negros Occidental.

In a statement, the ADB said the project is important to help boost the economy in the Visayas region. The bank said the region was economically promising but is poor because of weak investments. The area could attract overseas investments because of underemployment in private government.

"To ensure supply of power will help drive the local economy, creating jobs in manufacturing, services and other sectors that will boost incomes for local families in the region. At the same time, a reliable power supply

will allow hospitals, schools and other public services to fully function," said Sen. Santiago, deputy director general of the ADB's private sector operations department.

Under usual loans provided by the ADB that go to the government, the loan will be granted to the private sector. In particular, the money will be lent to Negros SPC Power Corp. (NSPC), a joint venture between Korea Electric Power Corp. and SPC Power Corporation of the Philippines.

Added by the bank, the joint venture will build a 200-megawatt (MW) coal-fired power plant in Sta. Clara, Cebu, on land already being used by the SPC power plant complex.

"Coal-based generation is the most practical option to meet power supply in Cebu since fuel oil is of

professional resources...already providing 70 percent of electricity in the Visayas—cannot provide enough investment, reliable and low-cost power," the ADB said.

The new 180-MW unit of the plant is expected to be available by February 2011 and the second in May of the same year. NSPC will sell electricity from the plant to power companies in Cebu and Negros and to the whole island electricity spot market since it is at risk in the Visayas.

The project will help promote a competitive market for electricity and provide a model for future private sector investment in power generation, including renewables. These goals support the government's efforts to reform the power sector," NSPC said.

The ADB said the money project was consistent with the bank's policy of helping data centers adopt a power or supply while promoting cleaner power generation.

The multilateral lender has been providing loans that support projects aimed at enhancing supply of clean energy and addressing the impact of climate change.

The problem of climate change has been a pressing concern, especially since the recent destruction caused by Tropical Storm "Candy" and Typhoon "Pepang" that killed more than a thousand people and caused billions of pesos in damages.

Statements by the World Bank said more "2008 dollars" is needed for the rehabilitation, relief and reconstruction in the aftermath of the calamities.

**INDEPENDENT CURRENCIES**

**PERCENT DOLLAR RATE**

**46.41**   
 as of 11/19/09, 09:30 AM

**91.03**   
 as of 11/19/09, 09:30 AM

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 per ounce (buying bid) as of 11/19/09

**STOCK MARKET**  
 THE COMPOSITE INDEX

(Market close subject to price fluctuations)

### Stocks close higher

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 4.31 PERCENT HIGHER yesterday, with total combined 49.45 in gains on Wall Street ahead of the Christmas break, traders said.

The composite index put on a 4.31-point rise to 1,254.32. The all-shares index rose 4.86 percent, or 11.32 points, to close at 1,267.45.

Volume was 3.64 billion shares with 13.82 billion shares traded and loans 55 to 44 within 58 minutes were managed.

The index averaged 46.42 to the dollar. BSE Daily Price Index (BSE Daily Price Index) averaged 47.43. The BSE Daily Price Index (BSE Daily Price Index) averaged 47.43.

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## PNOC-EC bucks privatization plan

By Amy R. Rene

**PUBLICLY LISTED:** PNOC-ENERGYCORP. has asked the government to "open" the company from its privatization efforts since the petroleum and coal firm continues to face huge losses due to the volatile oil prices.

PNOC-EC chief executives have said it is better to be "open" than to be "closed" since the company is not generating revenue for the government.

For this year alone, PNOC-EC had earned over to the government a total of P1.3 billion in cash dividends. The company's losses of nearly 90-75 percent caused by the government.

PNOC, however, admitted that even if the board would prefer that an sale should be made, it was still the prerogative of the government to sell its assets in such a manner.

PNOC was looking to improve the company was considering the sale of a 40-percent stake in PNOC-EC to an effort to raise a better price.

PNOC-EC said it was not ready to sell 40 percent of the 40 percent stake, but a better option than the sale, PNOC Secretary Margaret B. Torres said.

The finance chief had said that the target was to get the deal done by the end of the fourth quarter last year, with initial estimates placing potential revenue at P14 billion to P15 billion.

PNOC-EC officials earlier approved the proposed sale of the 40 percent stake, but stating that it could only lead to a "big sale."

"We feared privatization may not be advantageous to the corporation and the government. As far as PNOC-EC is concerned, its privatization at this time is actually due to depressed stock market prices," the company said in an earlier statement.

"The PNOC-EC board director's intention to sell the company to the economy is important," it added.

The privatization order required to sell the PNOC-EC stake before the end of 2009 for P14 billion, but has been delayed.

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## Subsidies for GOCCs rose by 123% in Nov.

By Rosal W. Domingo

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES FOR STATE-owned and controlled corporations and its subsidiaries increased by 123.5 percent in November as the budget deficit continued to swell beyond the full-year target limit of P230 billion.

Data from the Bureau of the Treasury showed that GOCCs received a total of P2.52 billion in November compared to the P1.08 billion it received in the same month last year.

Last month, P2 billion, or about seven-eighths of total subsidies, went to the National Food Authority (NFA), the National Housing Authority (NHA), and the National Water Resources Institute (NWRI).

This is the second month of the year where the NFA received the same amount, because the largest subsidized institution this year.

Among the top five recipients in October were the NFA, the NHA, the NHA, the NHA, and the NHA.

The National Unaffiliated Development Corp. received P300 million, Philippine National Railways (PNR), P150 million, Philippine Sugar Corp., P40 million, and Philippine Cement Authority, P20 million.

Also, the government spent a total of P5,841 billion on subsidies in the 11 months in November, up by 12.8 percent

from P5,142 billion given out in the same period last year.

The top five recipients in the 11-month period were the NFA, P4 billion, the NHA, P3 billion, the NHA, P2 billion, the NHA, P1 billion, and the NHA, P1 billion.

Last week, the Department of Finance reported that the budget deficit reached P272.5 billion in the 11 months to November, moving closer to an emerging full-year deficit of P300 billion.

Finance Secretary Magueta R. Tavares said the government would be looking down the deficit level. However, most international institutions find the budget deficit to be acceptable as long as economic growth is sustained, while facilities and infrastructure that were damaged during the recent storms are repaired.

According to the National Economic and Development Council, the country's total domestic output grew 6.6 percent in the third quarter, slower than the 8.4 percent seen in the same period of 2008.

Revenue subsidies used this year due to "revenue-raising" measures passed by Congress, as well as a sharp decline in the volume of traded goods.

## Animation sector pushes CPO

By Abigail L. Ho

LOCAL ANIMATORS, MANY OF WHOM have already proven themselves in the international arena, are to give the Philippines an even bigger push on the world animation stage by advocating "creative process outsourcing."

The Initiative Council of the Philippines Inc., and the country could also be a leader in the animation industry.

"I am personally advocating to various agencies like the National Promoting Association of the Philippines, Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Foreign Affairs, that the Philippines should take CPO, given the Filipinos' inherent talent in developing anything from print advertisement to product marketing," says president Rosendo Sagoriano and is a statement.

He said creative industries should be considered under one umbrella organization, that as would make it easier for the country to market such services and create a brand for itself in the international arena.

CPO should cover the animation and game development industries, music and

visual engineering, advertising, film, industrial design, architecture, comics, photography, publishing, and also those that fall under corporate communication such as writing and communication.

"We want our country to be known as a creative hub, and the beauty of such, the Filipino industry has managed to a place where we are now looking for self-actualization," Sagoriano said.

The local animation industry has been making its mark in the world due to lower cost, consistent quality of work, openness in delivering output, English proficiency, and understanding of concepts and storylines.

The industry produced more than 3,000 jobs to local industries, and sales in millions of dollars in revenue growth. Last year's animation revenue stood at \$150 million.

The 40-member Apis specializes in 2D and 3D animation, as well as pre- and post-production services such as layout, storyboards, and motion graphics.

The group is currently the Technical Education and Skills Innovation Authority, which provides a learning module, training, regulation, and assessment for schools that want to offer animation training.

## Rice procurement misses goal

By Rita T. Ochando

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) is still behind its target procurement of food policy or authorized rice stores reached on crop harvest only in the fourth quarter, ending last policy annual domestic.

According to government data, the NFA has bought 341,893 metric tons from local stores so far this year, that is less than half the 1.35 million metric tons that the agency wanted to buy by 2009.

Still, that is a huge improvement from November when the NFA only met 28 percent of the policy buying target. Policy procurement stood at Nov 27 metric tons.

The NFA said it would keep buying in much local policy to provide to local rice stores to make up for crop damage due to recent typhoons.

But while crop damage is the biggest factor affecting NFA's local policy buying, there are other reasons for the slow procurement.

"NFA has been in one quality standard. We have to get stocks that we can keep for six months to one year because we only have the grain in the market when needed," NFA spokesman Ben Dominguez said in an interview.

The agency hopes to reach a maximum price of P17 per kilo for well dried paddy.

He added that the NFA's local policy buying is primarily for private traders.

"When we have a good harvest, we can get enough prices, they can go out of their way to NFA warehouses," Dominguez said.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) said in a statement that to further encourage farmers to sell to the local agency the NFA will open more buying centers and private rice harvesters in policy producing areas.

The Philippines suffered 3.5 million tons in policy losses to typhoons since October and typhoon Pinyang.

The government is \$45,000 tons of which rice that could have been added to the price and inventory.

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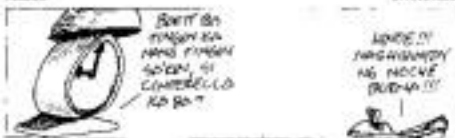
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**Let me start with the most stuff my mother-in-law told. I'm not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party. I'm not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party.**

### BACK STORY



**Lisa Kolsky**

**In 1995, I was still in the United States, in the "admission" school. I was not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party. I'm not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party.**



A happy New Year's celebration with a cat's face (photo by Lisa Kolsky)

**SAYS SINGER (LEFT) HENRIK: "Everyone, my son Miguel is the star of my Christmas. I'm not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party. I'm not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party."**

**Some, the authors appeared. Miguel's 10-year-old, about 120 lbs. I'm not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party. I'm not alone to keep on a plane and head to a dinner and party.**

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